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- 1. WE APPRECIATE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN REFTEL. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT STEPS MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPHS 10 AND 11 DO NOT CORRECT THE PROBLEM AND THAT APHIS ACTION MUST BE BASED ON CONCRETE ACTION RATHER THAN PROMISE THAT PROBLEM OF INSPECTOR STAFFING WILL BE RESOLVED SHORTLY.
- 2. THEREFORE, WE REQUEST EMBASSY CONTACT HIGHEST APPRO-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRIATE OFFICIAL OF THE GOB MINISTERY OF AGRICULTURE AND DR. LUCIO TAVARES DE MACEDO, DIRECTOR, ANIMAL PRODUCTS INSPECTION DIVISION, TO SEE WHAT HAS ACTUALLY BEEN DONE BY GOB TO CORRECT PROBLEM CONCERNING VARIANCE IN GOB DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POLICY ON INSPECTOR STAFFING OF MEAT PLANTS THAT EXPORT TO THE UNITED STATES. WASHINGTON AGENCIES WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THAT GOB HAS TAKEN ACTION TO

DEAL WITH PROBLEM. MEASURES COULD INCLUDE:

- A. MINISTRY COULD HIRE THE ALREADY TRAINED NON-GOB INSPECTORS.
- B. GOB COULD TEMPORARILY CONSOLIDATE GOB INSPECTORS INTO THOSE PLANTS ACTIVELY EXPORTING TO THE UNITED STATES AND DELIST THE PLANTS THAT ARE NOT EXPORTING TO THE U.S.
- C. GOB COULD TEMPORARILY REDUCE THE RATE OF SLAUGHTER TO A LEVEL WHERE EXISTING GOB INSPECTORS COULD PERFORM INSPECTION. APHIS FEELS ABOVE SUGGESTIONS COULD BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY BY GOB.
- 3. CONTINUANCE OF INSPECTION BY NON-GOB INSPECTORS IS UNACCEPTABLE.
- 4. PLEASE REPORT RESULTS OF EMBASSY APPROACH TO GOB. WHEN WE HAVE FULL REPORT OF GOB ACTIONS ALREADY TAKEN, APHIS AND OTHER WASHINGTON AGENCIES WILL CONSIDER FURTHER STEPS THAT MAY BE NECESSARY. VANCE

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